

***Update*- Troopers Conducting Death Investigation-Frederica**

Frederica – The Delaware State Police Homicide Unit are continuing to conduct a death investigation in which two individuals were found deceased in a parking lot.

The investigation began on February 22, 2020 at approximately 4:04 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the parking lot area off of Cooper Avenue, Bowers Beach, Frederica. Upon arrival two individuals were located deceased in the parking lot.

A 55-year-old male and a 40-year-old female were both pronounced deceased at the scene from apparent gunshot wounds. A handgun has been recovered from the scene and there is no concerns for public safety at this time.

The individuals have been turned over to the Delaware Division of Forensic Science where an autopsy will be performed to determine the manner and cause of death. The victims' identities are being withheld pending the notification of the next of kin.

The incident continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit. If anyone has information regarding this incident, they are asked to please contact Detective M. Ryde at 302-741-2730. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

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If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services

Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov.

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